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MBA Board to Review Schools

By Scott Carey and Grey Petznick

In our first assembly, this year, Mr. Bondurant told us of some of the physical changes that are taking place on the campus and touched lightly on the academic changes that may take place in the future. Mr. Bondurant and Mr. Drake have been reviewing the curriculum of several of the nation's most prestigious private schools. Such schools as Exeter and Andover in New England are known as preparatory schools for students wanting to go to Ivy League colleges. By comparing MBA to these schools, we will be able to get a better idea of the merits of our academic program and possibly will find ways in which to upgrade our current system.

Although the review of these schools is not yet complete, Mr. Bondurant has already found that MBA does rank comparatively close to these other schools. The main reason for MBA's success is its belief in the basic curriculum. By stressing the subjects which most colleges feel are important, MBA students are better prepared than those taking purely elective courses.

As the review of private schools has shown thus far, MBA has a fine academic program. This point raises the question as to why Exeter and schools like it have a higher college acceptance rate than MBA. The main reason is our location, one faculty member says. MBA is well known only to a limited number of colleges, most of which are in the Southeast. Also, MBA graduates traditionally have gravitated to these few colleges. It is a simple problem of public rela-

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MBA 1983-84 National Merit Semifinalists: (front row) T. Rafolowski, P. Lentz, T. Don, J. Harrison, S. Westermann, B. Lamb; (back row) S. Altemeir, G. Vincent, A. Jackson, M. Drury, S. Chang, B. Hassel, R. Van Riper. MBA had 13 of the 20 semifinalists in Nashville.

MBA Steps Into Computer Age

By Tray Owen and Steve Young

This year, MBA steps fully into the computer age by quadrupling the number of computers on campus for student use, adding a new Advanced Placement Computer course, and expanding the use of computers to other academic subjects.

The computer department, directed by Mr. Jim Bostick, purchased sixteen new Franklin Ace computers over the summer, bringing the total number of computers on campus to twenty-one. The addition of these terminals simplifies classroom procedures by making a computer available to every student in a class. The newly purchased Franklin Ace units are high-quality and are similar to the Apple computers used at MBA in previous years.

The new computers will be used

in several different computer courses where a variety of skills and applications will be taught. This year, across the country, Advanced Placement Computer courses are being offered for the first time ever. At MBA, fifteen seniors are taking the class, taught by Mr. Bostick. The students will receive instruction in the PASCAL computer language, useful in problem-solving and in the manipulation of data. Other computer courses available to the students include a one-semester introductory BASIC course available in the Fall and Spring, and a one-semester advanced BASIC course available only in the second semester.

The new computers, however, will not solely be used in computer courses; their use will be expanded to include other courses offered at MBA. Two computers are already

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Changes at MBA: Viewpoints Are Expressed

By Scott Bennett
Willie Lin and Bryan Hassel

After graduation this past spring, the administration and faculty met in what is known as a "post-planning" session to go over the year and discuss "crucial issues" of school policy. Participating in small, open-ended discussions, the faculty voiced their suggestions and complaints about the way MBA has been run in the past. As summer went on, the Department Chairmen met to evaluate the teachers' recommendations and come up with plans to improve MBA. The result of the summertime evaluation: a wave of changes as extensive as ever before at MBA, covering student privileges, unexcused absences, the schedule, and other areas of concern. Coupled with the massive flood of campus changes over the past two years, the new procedures enacted this summer put the final touches on a truly new MBA.

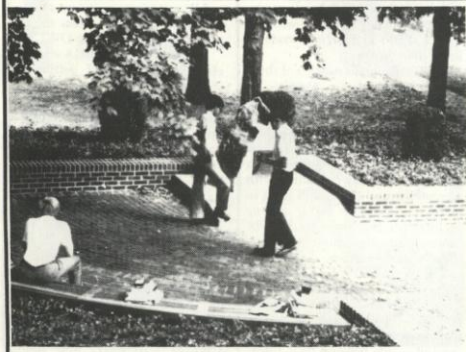
MBA Schedule Revised

The most significant group of changes this year involves the schedule, which was drastically altered. Classes now start at 8:00, as opposed to 8:30 last year. Assembly is now between 2nd and 3rd periods, as opposed to before 1st period last year. The ten-minute break has been eliminated; the academic day now ends at 3:00, as opposed to last year's 3:20. When asked why the schedule was so radically changed, Mr. Bondurant replied that "the faculty had not been totally satisfied" with the schedule in the past. By starting class at 8:00, the administration and faculty hoped that people would make sure they were at school on time. By moving assembly to mid-morning, the school hoped to "save time by combining assembly and break and having less assemblies over the year." A good "side-effect," although not the main purpose of the changes, will be that students will get through school earlier and have more time for athletics. Mr. Drake commented that students are more likely to pay attention during 1st and 2nd periods now than they would have after a possibly boring assembly.

The Bell Ringer interviewed

students for their opinions on this issue. The opinions were split. Approximately half the students interviewed like the schedule change while the other half disliked it. There were various reasons for each student's opinions. For example, some students liked the new schedule because everyone gets out earlier. Others disagreed, maintaining that everyone must get up earlier. This proves especially true for those students from outside Nashville. For instance, one sophomore thought the new schedule "pretty bad for people from Hendersonville." He believed that the previous schedule was good because it was a "cushion" against being late for classes. A senior believed that there was "more pressure on the student to be present and alert early." Some students pointed out an additional benefit of the new schedule in that it "makes the day go faster" as one junior put it. A sophomore also thought that "it breaks the classes well." However, a few students thought that the new schedule forced everyone to move more quickly between classes.

Another related problem which students noticed was the (Continued on page 6)



The new Joe C. Davis Memorial Garden.

Impressive New Faculty Added

By David Chickey

The new 1983 school year brings along with it both changes and additions to the faces of MBA's faculty. In the small number of four new teachers, we find a new debate and speech coach, an English teacher, a librarian and a secretary for the junior school.

Mr. Billy Tate, the new speech and debate coach, is a very highly regarded and significant addition to MBA's faculty. Taking the place of Mr. Sullivan, who plans to coach debate in Chicago, Mr. Tate is a familiar and welcome face to MBA debaters. A graduate of Alabama University with a Political Science major, he taught at Selma High School in Selma, Alabama before coming to MBA. It

is from his impressive reputation at this school that MBA students know and respect him.

Mr. Tate already has high goals for this year's debaters. Although he stresses that "the students will make the program," his advice and experience will play a key role in the success of MBA debate. Mr. Tate also plans to stress the speech program along with his coaching of debate. Headmaster Gordon Bondurant believes that Mr. Tate will do "very well in developing not only a good debate program, but a very good speech program as well."

Another significant addition to MBA's faculty is Miss Margaret Smith. Since Mr. Poston took on more counseling duties, two of his classes were left unattended. Miss

Smith, a teacher in Metro for 26 years and now retired, teaches part time to take care of those two classes. A graduate of Vanderbilt, Miss Smith has taught Latin and English at both Hillsboro and Hillwood High Schools. A familiar face on campus, Miss Smith served on the evaluation of MBA in the fall of 1981. She has "always been impressed with MBA" and is a very welcome addition to the faculty.

Mrs. Morrissey, a third new face on campus, is the secretary and receptionist for the new junior school building. She takes the place of Lauri Dinceas, last year's secretary, who left to spend more time with her family. Mrs. Morrissey is a graduate of St. Cecilia (Continued on page 2)

Another Time

Another Place

FALL SCHEDULE

Tues., Sept. 4
Fri., Oct. 14

11th and 12th Grade Parents' Meetings
Half-Day
Homecoming Football Game vs. Antioch
Spaghetti Supper

Perhaps the biggest event between now and the end of the football season will be the Annual Spaghetti Supper. On September 23, the Mothers' Auxilliary will kick-off the event with an assembly presentation about ticket sales. As in past years, prizes will be awarded for high ticket sellers and a day off will be given the Monday after Homecoming to students who fulfill a minimum quantity of ticket sales. Festivities for Homecoming Weekend include the Spaghetti Supper, followed by the Homecoming football game against Antioch, and, of course, the day off on Monday for those who earn the privilege.

Sat., Oct. 15 Homecoming Dance
Tues., Oct. 18 PSAT Administered
Wed.-Thur. Oct. 19-20 9th Grade Elections
Sun., Oct. 23 Ann Mullen Art Show Begins
Thur., Nov. 10 Dad's Day??

Debate Team Prepares For A Busy Year

By Sam Chang

The MBA debate team continued its success into the summer of 1983. The summer began with a very successful showing in the NFL National Debate Tournament in Kansas City, Missouri. The team of Robert Harris and Tommy Outlaw, the youngest MBA team ever to qualify for Nationals, ended their year with a respectable 2-2 record. Lyn Robbins and Sam Chang tied for seventh in the nation. Their record, 5-2, included victories over teams from Nevada, Illinois, and California. Their final loss was a close 2-1 decision against Winston Churchill of Texas. This fine performance ended the brilliant high school debate career of Lyn Robbins, definitely one of the best debaters in MBA history.

The future looks bright for the MBA team. All returning members, including a newly revitalized Griffin Vincent, attended workshops across the country. Attending the Augustana Institute in South Dakota were Doug Johnson, Paul Kahlon, and Rob Page. Sam Chang, Tommy Outlaw, Robert Harris, Warren Sprouse, Niku Wasdev, and Madison Laird spent three weeks of their summer at Georgetown. Jonathan Springer, Willie Lin,

Paul, and Doug went to Louisville's fine workshop. All teams were successful; all had winning records. Some stand-outs included Tommy's appearance in the quarterfinal round, Sam and Madison's reaching the octo-final round (both at Georgetown), and Doug Johnson's reaching the octo-final round at Louisville.

This year's schedule is again full. The season opens with a trip to Ole Miss. The next few weeks bring such tournaments as St. Mark's (Dallas), Ohio State (Columbus), Grissom (Huntsville), and Mary Hill (Florence). Thanksgiving will be busy also, especially for the top team of Tommy and Sam, who have been invited to the prestigious GBN/GBS Round Robin in Chicago. This invitation is proof of the continued success of MBA's program.

All would not be possible without new coach Mr. William Tate, formerly the coach at Selma High School. The new coach has brought unity, organization, and control to the program. His arrival was very welcomed by the team, after Mr. Sullivan's departure to the greener pastures of GBN. With Mr. Tate at the helm, the future looks good for MBA debate.



Cheerleaders Kelly Sanders and Shiela Morris work on spirit-sparking signs in MBA's Trophy Room.

Campus Changes Continue

By Morgan Wills
and Bill Cochran

As most students have already noticed, life on the hill should be better than ever this year, due to numerous campus additions and improvements.

One of the most evident changes in the MBA landscape this fall is the construction of a new gym to accommodate the facilities in the Brownlee O. Curry Gymnasium. Construction was started last spring and is scheduled to be completed in January of 1984.

The lower floor of the gym will house a new weight room and training room and a wrestling arena (for two mats), including bleachers. Most matches will probably be held there. Also downstairs will be new locker facilities and laundry rooms. Upstairs will be a secondary basketball court along with bleachers.

A new lobby will connect the two gyms consisting of restrooms and a new concession stand. The lobby will be used jointly by the two gyms, while events in Brownlee O. Curry Gymnasium will reap the benefits of both the old concessions area and the new facility.

Not only is work in progress on the new gym, but also on an addition to the lobby of its older counterpart. A new Trophy Room to the left of the gym lobby will be finished in time for the Spaghetti Supper. The room is given in memory of Steve Roberts (class of '78) by his father, Kenneth Roberts.

The room will consist of a trophy case built in wood paneling, a maroon carpet with gray trim various sofas and chairs for students to relax in. A primary use of the new room will be as a meeting place, but as of yet the administration has not decided upon the complete usage of the room. In addition to the removal of Mr. Bennett's office, the boys' restroom has been moved next to the girls' to provide more space.

While the Trophy Room addi-

tion is being built, the adjoining lobby is also being fixed up. It will have a new black slate floor as well as new and better doors with better glass fixtures to replace the old ones.

Another very attractive change in the campus scenery is the Joe Davis Memorial Garden, situated between the Ball and Carter buildings. The garden area was built mainly to provide a nice area for student use and to honor the leadership of Joe Davis, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Laird Smith speaks for the administration when he says, "We're pleased that

the garden turned out the way it did, because it will be a nice study area for the students." The famous rock memorializing Montgomery Bell has been moved permanently to its new location in the garden.

Other changes include a new wall in the back of Wallace Hall, put up for both acoustical and beautification purposes, and the fixing of the water fountains in front of the Ball Building and Wallace Hall (class of '49). Extensive painting throughout the campus and the plans for a new chemistry and computer lab wrap up the changes for this school year.

...New Faculty



New faculty members this year include Mr. Tate, Speech and debate; Mrs. Tilley, library, and Miss Smith, English.

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and the University of Tennessee. A mother of five, she is very familiar with MBA (two of her boys are students here.) Mrs. Morrissey likes her new job and described it as "mother to 1000, instead of 5."

The fourth new faculty member at MBA is even more familiar. Mrs. Tilley was a librarian for a semester last year when Mrs. Hartman adopted a new baby and could no longer work. Mrs. Hartman planned to come back this year but wanted to spend more time with her baby. The administration therefore asked Mrs.

Tilley to come work full time. Mrs. Tilley is a very qualified replacement. She graduated from Emory College in 1974, received her masters in 1975 and in 1981 received a diploma for advanced study in library science. She has taught at USN and public and private schools in Memphis and Georgia. She is a significant addition to MBA's library and speaks highly of both the students and faculty here.

Mr. Bondurant highly praised all the new faculty members and feels that each one will be an asset to the MBA campus.

Area Students Attend SADD Conference

By Bryan Hassel

On Tuesday, September 14, eight MBA seniors and Mr. Bennett attended a large, city-wide conference at Battle Ground Academy to hear about a new program recently implemented at BGA known as SADD, or Students Against Driving Drunk. Five to ten representatives from several area high schools gathered in the crowded BGA gym and listened to several well-stated, emotional, and inspiring speeches about the growing problem of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) among teenagers. Most of the program was devoted to a lengthy presentation by Robert Anastas, the national founder of SADD. Anastas, the director of health education for a school system in Massachusetts, spoke about the dangers of DWI, emphasizing that students had the power to solve the huge problem of drinking and driving, which is the number one killer for their age group.

The "power" Mr. Anastas referred to apparently was the SADD program, originated by Mr. Anastas and a group of students from

Wayland, Massachusetts in 1981. The project sprang out of a health program which had made the New England students aware of the problem of DWI. After going through the health program, the teenagers decided to act, and created SADD. Since then, the organization has grown to encompass 6,000 high schools, reaching over 150,000 high school students in its short history.

SADD in schools consists of three main components. One is a 15-session educational series offered to students (usually sophomores) in the school. Sessions stress the effects and dangers of DWI, methods for coping with peer pressure, laws dealing with alcohol use and DWI, and ways to help to decrease DWI among teenagers. Sessions consist of presentations by guest speakers, films, and discussions.

The second part of a SADD program is the "Teenager-Parent Contract," a document to be signed by both student and parent. The student promises that if he is even in need of a ride because he is intoxicated or his ride is intoxicated, he will call his parents for transporta-

tion home. The parent, in turn, pledges to come pick up the child or provide "sober" transportation in another way. The parent also promises not to drive drunk or drive with someone who is drunk.

The final component of SADD is general community education: public service announcements and TV appearances to stress the importance of combatting DWI.

The conference at BGA was very effective in terms of getting the students excited and creating energy among the participants. The next, logical step would have been to present a specific plan of action and channel the brand-new energy towards making the plan work. However, there was no such follow-up. The details of SADD were never pointed out; no one ever said, "Now, here's what YOU can do." Participants left with their energies undirected, with no concrete idea of what precisely should be done.

Despite this major weakness in the meeting, good ideas were presented effectively, and more SADD programs may spring up in high schools other than BGA.

Student Council Plans For Year

By Bill Bainbridge
Tuesday, September 6, 1983 was the first day of the new school year for most people, but not for an elite group of men who began their year July 18. Yes, this proud band of men is none other than the Student Council, who began planning for the year on that mid-summer evening.

Soon after that, a journey up to Davidson, (North Carolina) would

occur, where these men would congregate and learn how to lead. The 3rd annual leadership conference lasted from Wednesday through Friday and included a hearty Oklahoma hello for members Lentz, Wood, Guzikowski, Frahn Hardecastle, Bainbridge, Ikard Bueno, Fish; and, of course, Mr. Hand himself, Doc Crowell, (Don, Black, and Fuson missed this once in a lifetime experience.)

After recuperating from the wild madness at Davidson, the council met again and began discussing the changes at MBA. Three major concerns were the abolishment of the merit list, the locking of classroom doors, and the shortness of the assembly period. A new proposal for class meetings was suggested, and it includes dividing the class up into four groups so more input would be heard from the class.

An outreach program involving volunteer work has been discussed

and possible places include Parole House, Union Mission, General Hospital, Martha O'Brian Day Care and McNeely Day Home. A possible alternative to IC might be the introduction of a new program which would give its participants something to strive for. In the spring season participants would play different sports in competition with the winner possibly getting Fridays off.

Finally, the crucial aspect of fund raising has evolved such possibilities as teacher pie in the face, the omnipresent candy sales, Duds Days, and a Battle of the Bands next semester. The brainchild of the S.C. is the post-game bash after most home games. After the Hillwood game, the dance features the air hand contest, an event which is creating wild waves of excitement especially as a result of the S.C. entry.

To the Editor

Dear Editor,

It grieves me to think that MBA would implement an unfair policy. It appears, though, that they have.

The problem I am concerned with is the lack of organization during fourth period lunch. The upper school, promised a whole lunch period under the new rules (which I favor), is not allowed to eat until the half period. The junior school is supposed to have one-half of the period to eat. However, a large number of them remain at the tables in the lunchroom a good deal longer than the provided time, if not the entire period. Because of this violation, there are fewer spaces for the upper school to use during our lunch time, thus causing the problem.

I believe that just to discipline the junior school into leaving by a certain time will not solve the problem because, still, the upper school doesn't get a full lunch period. One idea would be to split up the junior school into three groups and let them eat all three periods, thus alleviating the mass of people in fourth period. A second idea would be to change one room in the Massey Building to a lunchroom and make each junior school student bring his own lunch eliminating the need of a kitchen.

I realize that the solution to this obviously unfair situation is difficult, but at MBA, we strive for excellence (and fairness) and should be able to solve whatever conflict faces us.

Greg Walker
Andy Wattleworth

Editorial: The Need For A Stronger Student Voice

By Bryan Hassel

When I heard about the new schedule and the new policy which gave all students a full lunch period and eliminated the merit list, I was concerned that the Student Council had played no part in the decision to enact these new rules. Since the Student Council is supposed "to serve as a liaison between the Student Body and the Faculty as an effective representative of the desires and wishes of all students by serving whenever possible as an advisory committee on student policies," (S.C. Constitution) I felt that the Student Council should have been included somehow in at least the discussion of the proposed changes.

I asked Mr. Bondurant about the matter, and he explained to me very convincingly why the Student Council had not been involved in the acceptance of the recommendations. After graduation last spring, the faculty met to discuss the past

school year and make recommendations for changes in policy. The decision of whether to accept or reject proposals was made over the summer by the departmental heads and the administration. For several reasons, it would have been unfeasible to involve the Student Council in the evaluation. First, the summer is a hard time to get the Council members together because of vacations, summer jobs, and other conflicts. Second, the Student Council had only just been elected, and many of the members were new to the governing body. Third, since the discussions went on during the summer, it would have been difficult, if not impossible, for the Council to talk to students and determine the "student feeling" on any given issue. Because of these difficulties, it is understandable that the Student Council was not included in the decision making process. Mr. Bondurant expressed enthusiasm about

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...Computer Age

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being used to some extent in physics classes, and Dr. Crowell indicates that these computers will play an increasing role in the future. The faculty has recently been discussing the possibility of using computers for writing in English classes. Mr. Bostick explains that computer word-processors can aid the students in correcting and organizing themes. However, Mr. Bostick adds that at the present time, "the most important aspect of the computer is helping the students to formulate problems." For example, in the past, computers have been used in math courses and will continue to be utilized in the future.

As one student says, "Computers are the age of the future, and that's where the money will be." Even at this date, colleges are offering computer courses, and even requiring them to be taken. Student involvement has been so overwhelming that Mr. Bostick anticipates buying 15 more computers and opening another computer lab next year.

Eye Openers

Buddy System instituted at MBA

This fall, a "Buddy System" was instituted to make new 7th graders feel at home at MBA. Almost every senior helped a 7th grader through registration, showing a new student around the MBA campus. Mr. Bondurant said that he was "extremely proud of a class that would come up with an idea and execute it the way the class of '84 developed the Buddy system. He went on to point out that the 7th graders were shown "not only the processes but that they were generously welcomed to the MBA campus." The Headmaster summed up the senior's efforts as "a beautiful example of leadership in action." MBA hopes to continue the system for future classes.

Poston takes on new responsibilities



This year, Mr. Poston has dropped two of his English courses to leave room for several new responsibilities given to him. To take up the slack left by the retirement of Mrs. Phoebe Green, Mr. Poston will now be in charge of the remedial reading and spelling programs at MBA. In addition, the English teacher/tennis coach will play a part in the guidance counseling at the school, advising students on college choices and other school matters, both academic and non-academic. Students are urged to visit Mr. Poston in room C-22 with regard to any of these matters.

Honor Council to rewrite constitution

One of the major projects that the Honor Council will undertake this year is to rewrite its outdated constitution. According to Honor Council President John Harrison, the constitution is so out of date that the Council rarely follows the procedures set down in the up-to-now unrevised document. This year, the Council will try to update the Constitution to fit the current Honor Council process.

Service Club aids school community

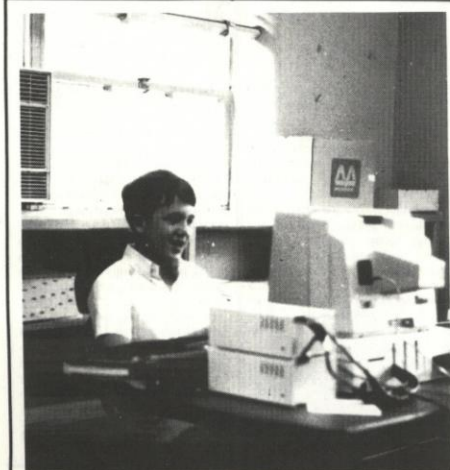
The Service Club, under the guidance of Mr. Bennett, begins another year of invaluable service to the school. President John Moore conducted nominations and elections of new members. The duties of the Service Club have not changed dramatically since last year. These duties include ushering at football games, taking tickets at basketball games, guiding the prospective students at testing, and conducting the freshman wrestling tournament.

College Rep Schedule

Sept. 26	Connecticut College	Oct. 12	Eckerd
	U. T.-Knoxville	Oct. 13	Denison Univ.
	Spring Hill		Oglethorpe Univ.
Sept. 27	Mars Hill College	Oct. 14	Tufts Univ.
Sept. 30	Carnegie-Mellon		The American Univ.
	Johns Hopkins Univ.	Oct. 19	Texas Christian Univ.
Oct. 3	Birmingham-Southern	Oct. 27	Georgetown Univ.
Oct. 5	Univ. of Alabama		Columbia Univ.
Oct. 6	Emory	Oct. 25	Memphis State
Oct. 10	Indiana Univ.	Nov. 9	Furman Univ.
	Princeton Univ.		Brown Univ.

You Meet the Most Interesting People at

MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY



Dave Claunch tries out one of the 15 new Franklin A6 Computers purchased by MBA this year.

Afrikan Dreamland

By Ransom Van Riper

African Dreamland is one of the most musically successful blues/reggae/African tribal music fusion groups since Taj Mahal's landmark Intergalactic Soul Messengers Band. The three members of the band, Aashid, Mustafa, and Darrell, met and began playing music together in Nashville in 1980. Heavily influenced by Taj Mahal, Jimi Hendrix, Bob Marley, John Lee Hooker, and various African musicians, Afrikan Dreamland, nevertheless, has forged a fusion of these sounds that is distinctive and original. Dreamland's lyrics have many themes in common with the songs of Jamaicans Bob Marley, Peter Tosh, and Jimmy Cliff, stressing the need for justice and freedom for the oppressed peoples and an end to racism.

Afrikan Dreamland has produced one record, the *Blu-Reggae E.P.*, which is available at several local record stores. The overall sound used on the record is a variant of the multi-tracked bass and one-three accented rhythm guitar sound developed by Bob Marley and the Wailers. On *Blu-Reggae*, however, the bass and rhythm functions are taken over by Aashid's synthesizer. This leaves a lot of space open for the numerous drums and percussion instruments played by the musicians and gives the music a more African, polyrhythmic flavor than most reggae has.

Another unique feature of Afrikan Dreamland's style is the use of a muted, splashed cymbal, reinforcing the texture of the music. On the "Unwanted Time" cut, echoes, hiss, and various electronic squeals and roars are dubbed with a finesse that gives the piece the sculptured quality of good studio reggae.

Also worth hearing is "The New Circle," a reworking of the Appalachian tune "May the Circle Be Unbroken" with a Jamaican rhythm, Rasta freedom/no nuke lyrics, and an introduction that echoes that brilliant rippling sounds of a Yoruba *Kora* or an Appalachian dulcimer. Whatever the intention, "The New Circle" is a powerful demonstration of the essential unity of world music and peoples.

In live performances, the band uses a much freer approach. The musicians each switch off an astounding number of instruments, including guitar, flute, congo drums, African drums of all sizes, marching band drums, drumset, rattles, synthesizer, organ, and various African lutes and harps. Their repertoire consists of originals, reggae hits, folk songs, and reggae-ized blues songs, some of which last 20 to 30 minutes because of extended improvisation. The length rarely keeps the crowd from rocking; in fact, keeping still during a Dreamland performance is difficult—the music is motion.

HIP FAVES



Electric Cowboy

By Steve Saperstein

Throughout Labor Day weekend in Columbia, Tennessee, many groups performed at the Electric Cowboy Festival. Many people from all over the Southeast gathered at Van Webster Farm to attend this highly publicized event hosted by Wolfman Jack.

The first day's small crowd of about 10,000 enjoyed such groups as Quiet Riot, Krokus, Molly Hatchet, and Fastway. About 30,000 showed up for the second day, highlighted by Joan Jett and Cheap Trick. A mild 20,000 on Labor Day saw groups such as Kansas, Quarterflash, and Johnny Van Zant.

Since some people decided to camp out, many socially unacceptable acts took place. There were many problems with scalpers, counterfeit tickets and fireworks.

Putting the problems aside, many people enjoyed the use of telephones, showers, and toilets. Surprisingly, there was plenty of good food and cold drinks for everyone to relish; however, they were expensive. The plentiful parking facilities proved useful.

Some preferred the shows at night because it didn't rain, it was cooler, and they liked the use of lights in the stage shows.

Some wanted to see more popular groups. Many were disappointed when neither Madness nor Donnie Iris showed up. Humble Pie sang for Madness, and the Elvis Brothers sang for Donnie Iris.

The Festival was called a flop by some because not as many people as expected attended and it lost money. Others, such as Wolfman Jack, considered the event a success considering this was only the first year that it has been held. He promises next year will be a smash with bigger groups, even though everyone who went this year had a great time.

Elvis Costello at Mud Island

By Chris E. Kelley

Quite a few people missed a great chance to see the man who is considered by many to be pop's most accomplished song craftsman, Elvis Costello, live and flawless, September 2 at Mud Island, in Memphis. It was a beautiful night at the amphitheater on Mud Island, where one was able to watch the tug boats glide effortlessly behind the stage while listening to Elvis and his band busily promoting their new LP "Punch the Clock," which he described afterwards as "totally successful." The audience at this show, which was far from being sold out, obviously agreed with Elvis. Elvis's first-ever appearance in Memphis, was definitely leaps and bounds better than his previous area appearance last year in Nashville. But the question on the tip of everyone's tongue was, "Why play Memphis?" Elvis revealed at the Peabody Hotel after the show that he was asked to give Memphis and the "spanking-new" Mud Island a chance, and he took the city up on its offer. Elvis was pleasantly surprised at the outcome of the show, saying that he really enjoyed playing at the park.

Opening for Elvis Costello and the Attractions was Aztec Camera, a relatively young band from England currently promoting their debut LP "High Land, Hard Rain." Aztec Camera put out a stunning performance with their unique form of new-generation folk rock. It is hard for one to believe that the Aztec Camera's leader Roddy Frame is only 19 years old; his deep songs seem as though they come from a world-weary savant rather than from a

Glaswegian teenager. Aztec Camera showed that night that they are not a bunch of kids; instead, they proved to the audience that they are talented performers with a promising future.

Joining Elvis Costello on stage were the Attractions: Steve Nieve, keyboards; Bruce Thomas, bass guitar; and Pete Thomas, drums. That night the Attractions played extremely tight, especially on songs like "Pump It Up" and "Watching the Detectives." (After the show Jake Riviera, Elvis' manager, revealed that one reason why the Attractions played so well is because he made the Attractions go "on the wagon" after an incident of inspired lunacy and debauchery after a show in St. Louis which resulted in Pete Thomas' and Steve Nieve's arrest by the authorities.) The T.K.O. Horns, consisting of Big Jim Paterson (trombone), Paul Speare (tenor saxophone), Jeff Blythe (alto saxophone), and Dave Pleus (trumpet) are a new addition to the lineup. They added a new dimension to Elvis Costello's live sound, seeming fully integrated, complementary, and purposeful on the songs from the new album. Unfortunately, when they played on older songs like "You Better Watch Your Step," they ruined the original sparseness of the songs.

After the concert while walking down the bridge that crosses the "Old Man," one could feel the serenity and the feeling of satisfaction being emitted by the fellow concert-goers, who, by the look on their faces, were extremely pleased. The concert was that good.



"Concealed eyes effectively render the sunglasses-wearer's countenance an enigma, projecting a 'cool' exterior."



Music

Fixx Review

By Jimmy O'Neil

The Fixx's first album, *Shattered Room*, though not a mind-blower, hinted at some potentially good things to come from this British synth band. These talented sounds can be found on the first side of the group's newest release, *Reach the Beach*. The album begins with the well-balanced, pop hit "One Thing Leads to Another" which portrays lead singer Cy Curmin's excellent voice and continues with "A Sign of Fire," a tune showing the band's ability to record a first-class song without the use of the omnipresent synthesizer. "Running," the third track, creates an electric feeling with its sharp, step-to-it beat, and the next cut, the immensely popular "Saved by Zero," elevates even further the listener's attraction to the Fixx's music. However, the interest in the first side is completely destroyed by "Opinions," a

drab, boring, colorless song which should be saved exclusively for funerals.

Unfortunately, the second side, nothing like the first, prolongs the agony begun by "Opinions." "Reach the Beach" and "Changing" are generic songs suitable for playing only in the waiting rooms of dentists. The uneven and odd-ball "Privilege," unlike anything the Fixx has released, would fit in better on a Devo album. "Outside" concludes *Reach the Beach* with a flat, monotonous, mangling beat which could appeal only to the members of a fanatic cult of flower-children.

Putting it bluntly, the second side of this album is very bad; the first side is fairly good. Let us hope the Fixx's next album will be more like the first four solid, well-written, rhythmic tunes.

Theater

By Drew Moore

As the new school year rolls around, so does another exciting year of high school theatre: the auditions, the late night rehearsals, the friendships, the overwhelming performances, the exhaustion, but, ah, the cast parties! Who can forget those infamous cast parties, which provide good memories and topics for conversations for years?

There always tends to be a shortage of male actors for the productions staged by Harpeth Hall, St. Cecilia, and even MBA. If anyone has ever had the slightest urge to get on that stage and show everyone what he's got, or to fulfill those artistic desires bound within him, or simply to have fun, he is urged to audition for any of the shows this year, or even all of them.

Among the shows to be performed this year is Harpeth Hall's musical *No, No, Nanette*. Auditions were held September 20 and 21, but there is probably still time to audition for a part. Also on Harpeth Hall's schedule is a non-musical in the spring, *Murder Mysteries*, such as *Arsenic and Old* (Continued on page 9)

Rush: Part 1

By Ben Vance

The popular trio RUSH, hailing from Toronto, Canada, has undergone a distinct but slow evolution from their formation in 1973 to their most recent album *Signals* in 1982. Several trends in their distinct style of techno-pop combined with fascinating and meaningful lyrics have emerged over their 10-year history. Evolution, though, is the key to a long and successful music career, and a band must be flexible enough to adapt to the changing moods and tastes of its audience. Certainly RUSH has adapted over the 10-year span.

on "Bastille Day," the only song that was even mildly popular. The second side of the album was devoted to a continuous story, told through several songs, "The Fountain of Lamneth." Peart's lyrics, however, are lost in the confusion of guitar work and the side was forgettable. Lee's singing was changing, however, and he lost the scratchiness that had been apparent on the first two albums.

Success with a so-called "concept album," in which the songs tell a story together, has eluded many groups. However, RUSH released their first truly successful album in 1976 under the concept format.



RUSH: Geddy Lee, Neil Peart, and Alex Lifeson

The band originally formed in 1973 consisted of Geddy Lee on bass, Alex Lifeson on lead guitar, and John Rutsey on drums. They cut an album, *Rush*, released in 1974 and quickly defined their style. It had roots in heavy metal, but stripped away the overbearing power chords and foreboding, screeching lyrics, to leave a melodic, rhythmic, and recognizable sound. Geddy Lee produced vocals that were noted for his high-pitched voice, but the emphasis was clearly on the music.

In 1975, "Fly by Night" was released with a personnel change in the band; Neil Peart had replaced Rutsey on drums. The lyrics to songs such as "By-Tor and the Snow Dog" and the later "Neeromancer" came naturally to him, being a college major in mythology. The album was an excellent effort, yet sounded much like *Rush*. Little change was evident in Lifeson's memorable lick or Lee's vocals. Better songs from the album include "Anthem," "Fly by Night," and "Beneath, Between, and Behind." The group was still a solidly entrenched guitar band.

Cares of Steel, the group's third effort, also hit the stands in 1975. Unsurprisingly, the guitar work of the virtuoso Alex Lifeson dominated the album; especially

2112 narrates the story of a rebel in a future world controlled by the despotic priests of the Temple of Syrinx. The rebel finds a guitar and says it will be for the good of the state but the priests deny that and ban him and his music. This album truly exemplified Peart's lyrical abilities, and both Lee and Lifeson were at their best. Guitars again dominated the music, but synthesizers and keyboards appear briefly, starting a trend that will increase in magnitude.

The first of RUSH's two live albums, *All the World's a Stage*, was released in 1977 and was a success. The album featured the entirety of "2112," "Bastille Day," "Anthem," and "By-Tor and the Snow Dog." The album is interesting in particular because it serves as an example of the early, guitar-dominated music, in contrast to the later *Exit... Stage Left*, which showed the synthesizer's important role.



Forum: Lebanon

Should the U.S. Leave Lebanon?

By Tony Rafalowski and Bryan Hassel

The 1,200 United States Marines stationed in Lebanon are part of a 5,400-man international army positioned in the strife-torn country. The official purpose of the troops is to act as a peace-keeping force in the area. Due to recent upsurges in the intensity of fighting, the Marines and the other soldiers are now caught in a cross-fire between Druse, Pro Syrian, and Palestinian militants and the Lebanese regular army. In the midst of the fighting several Marines have been killed and even more wounded in the past few weeks, prompting Reagan to send 2,000 more Marines to the area as reinforcements. The recent deaths coupled with the deployment of more U.S. forces has led to serious questions about the future implication of the United States' role in the region.

Having been fired on by the Druse and other militant-religious sects, the Marines have been forced to return the fire, fighting alongside the Lebanese regular army. Clearly, the original intent of the Marine force, to keep the peace, is not being fulfilled by the troops who are now contributing to the conflict in Lebanon. The Marines are placed in a self-defeating, no-win situation in which they must either stand by and be bombarded by Druse attacks or fight with Lebanese and add more bloodshed to the conflict. It seems that now is the time for us to choose one of two options: (1) to stay in Lebanon and thus in the no-win situation described above, or (2) to withdraw from the area and try to encourage reconciliation through a continuation of diplomatic efforts.

To understand the implications of the first option, which includes engaging in present combat as well as deploying new troops to the area, one must examine the situation at hand. Lebanon is involved in a civil war between the Christian government of Gemayel and the various Muslim opposition groups. The U.S. is now aiding the Christian government. The conflict and the role of the U.S. in Lebanon seem very similar to the conflict and the role of the U.S. in Vietnam, where the U.S. supported a questionable South Vietnamese government against the V.C. Reagan's deployment of more troops also brings back memories of similar actions in Vietnam. With troops in Lebanon participating in the civil war, there is the frightening possibility—or even probability—that the U.S. will become fully involved as we were in Southeast Asia, almost two decades ago. A situation like Vietnam is certainly

one that we want to avoid, and thus the clear solution is option #2: to withdraw all armed forces from Lebanon while continuing diplomatic efforts in the region.

There is no compelling reason for us to stay in Lebanon. We have no commitment to defend Israel, since they have withdrawn their forces from the area. We have no commitment to defend the Lebanese government, since it is involved in a religious civil war in which the U.S. has no part and no stake. Finally, "The Soviet Threat" plays no part in the conflict, since the Soviet's only direct aid is to the Syrians who, like Israel, are no longer in Beirut, and there is no Soviet involvement whatsoever.

Withdrawal is the clear answer. As a peacekeeping force, we have failed and are now only contributing to the fighting. As a participant in the civil war, we will only see more casualties among our troops and possibly a second Vietnam. Only as an outside diplomatic catalyst can we achieve peace in the region without sacrificing our own national interests.

Should the U.S. Protect Its Interests?

By Griffin Vincent

Because of the recent invasion of Lebanon and constant bombing of Beirut, the U.S. Marines have been stationed in Lebanon. The U.S. government primarily uses a conservative foreign policy approach that seeks to preserve her own interests first. This is the most beneficial policy to not only the U.S. but also Lebanon and our allies in the Middle East.

First of all, it is most consistent with our foreign policy to leave the Marines in Lebanon. Not only do they act as a neutral peace-keeping force but also they stand for a show of force by the United States in the region. This preserves our own objectives for a Middle East peace settlement and allows us to combat hostile influences such as communist subversion, PLO demands, and anti-Israeli alternatives. By allowing the Marines to stay in Lebanon, the U.S. remains involved in the situation and thus will be allowed to act on foreign policy questions in the Middle East. Because of the presence of U.S. troops, the U.S.'s involvement is insured in a solution to the problem, which would probably take the form of a Middle East peace settlement. Because of its involvement, the U.S. will be in the best position to contribute to a final settlement. However, because of the U.S.'s lack of total involvement, the disadvantages of over-extension are averted while the advantages of vital U.S. leverage are still accrued. Thus, the U.S. has leverage on the situation which it would not have should troops be withdrawn and its vested interests taken away.

Secondly, the U.S. maintains a consistency within its foreign policy toward its allies, notably Israel. By remaining involved in a containment of the Arab militants, the U.S. shows its support of Israeli sentiments. The U.S. also shows a strong interest in the region and demonstrates its willingness to have Israel as an ally. The U.S., in return, gains vital leverage in relations with Israel. The importance of U.S. leverage on Israel is quite obvious, with Israel's being the United States' primary ally in the Middle East. Because of its commitment to Middle East peace, to which Lebanon is considered a large obstacle, the United States must remain involved militarily to show her commitment to her allies.

The U.S. also has a commitment to Lebanon to remain involved to aid in the peace keeping process. Again, the presence of U.S. troops is a symbol of the U.S.'s commitment to Middle East peace. Perception of the United States as a pursuer of peace is especially important with regard to the reaction of Lebanon. If the U.S. continues to uphold the Lebanese government and seek peace, then the Lebanese will, in turn, respond to U.S. interests in the Middle East and peace in general. However, the most obvious commitment of the U.S. is to uphold order and act as a stabilizing factor in a country that is in chaos.

Finally, the U.S. must preserve her own interests regarding the Soviet Union. Although direct Soviet involvement is unlikely, except covertly, the U.S. must honor its commitment to Israel and its allies by remaining involved to combat Soviet influence in the Middle East. Because the Middle East is of such strategic and economic importance, the U.S. must make a strong stand against Soviet infiltration. The troops are the agent by which the U.S. can block Soviet adventurism. By adding stability to Lebanon and preserving her allies' interests and her own consistencies in foreign policy, the U.S. is able to combat Soviet adventurism and pursue Middle East peace. Whether a peace settlement is forth-coming or not, the U.S. must remain committed in an outward sign of its desires to stop Soviet adventurism. If the U.S. were to withdraw, no peace settlement would be pursued because resulting Soviet influences that would take the place of direct U.S. involvement.

Thus, the Marines are an outward sign of the U.S. involvement in the Middle East, and the troops symbolize a commitment to peace and U.S. allies. Without direct involvement, the perception of U.S. commitment and strength by her allies and the Soviet Union would be much less. This decline in the perception of other nations would impede Middle East peace and allow Soviet adventurism as well as increased instability in the region.

...Changes at MBA

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elimination of the ten-minute break. One senior said, "Everyone needs a break—assembly doesn't count—everyone needs a real break where they can do whatever they want." But one sophomore noted that everyone would get a twenty-minute break if there were no assembly. Another disadvantage of the present schedule is the dilemma concerning candy sales. A senior asked, "What about junior candy sales? Food is outlawed at all

other times during the day. When will they sell it?" There were also questions concerning the mid-morning assemblies. For example, what happens if an assembly runs over? A senior answered, "A lot of assemblies are going to run over into class time, and there's not gonna be the cushion of the ten-minute break." Another question is "What about useless assemblies?" Another senior believed that the new schedule "won't solve the problems

of bad assemblies."

In response to this complaint, Mr. Bondurant pointed out that as the year goes on, we will have less and less assemblies. Usually, Mr. Bondurant said, we will have two regular assemblies and one class or advisor meeting a week. Once every three weeks or so, we will have a longer assembly that will run over into third period. When there is no assembly, students will enjoy a twenty-minute break.

Full Lunch For All; M.L. Eliminated

The second set of changes involves the privileges given to the student body. This set can be broken down into two new school procedures: (1) the elimination of the Merit List, an honor roll which gave full lunch periods and free study halls to students with reasonable academic records and 2 or less demerits, and (2) the extension of a full lunch period to all students, provided they have less than six demerits. Mr. Bondurant said the changes had been made to avoid "rewarding people for behavior that should be expected." Since MBA students are expected to be gentlemen at all times, Mr. Bondurant said, they should not be rewarded for doing so. On the other hand, the Headmaster pointed out that all students deserved "more time for lunch unless they lost that privilege." Thus, the new rule about full-lunch periods takes the place of the unnecessary Merit List.

Mr. Drake gave a somewhat dif-

ferent rationale: "The problem of the Merit List was one of administration: study hall advisors had too many lists to keep up with. It was also a concern that Merit List students with low averages were wasting time talking to friends during free periods." Little change will be noticed on the campus, however, since everyone gets a full lunch period now and few will lose their free study halls.

The Bell Ringer talked to several students about the elimination of the Merit List. Overall, the majority interviewed opposed the removal. Those opposing the removal gave several valid reasons for their opinion. Most believed that good behavior deserved credit and that there was too much emphasis on academics. One student stated that it was "unfair to recognize intelligence and intelligence alone." Others opposing the removal believed that the Merit List was good because it served as a sort of intermediate honor roll. They held the opinion that if one

did not make the Privilege List, one could fall back on the Merit List. Another reason the students disliked the removal of the Merit List was that without it one would lose the privilege of studying at a location of one's choice during one, unscheduled period each day. In addition, one student mentioned that the removal of the Merit List was bad because "cancelling the M.L. takes away something you could put on college applications." One other student maintained that those who qualified for the Merit List second semester last school year should be on the list first semester of this school year.

Although most of the students interviewed opposed the elimination of the Merit List, several students were in favor of the removal. Some believed that the Merit List was rendered useless since the full lunch period takes its place. Others maintained that "MBA should have a good behavior standard anyway," echoing the administration's feelings.

Art Plans Exciting Year

By David F. Wood

Participation in the Art Program at MBA has increased dramatically over years past. Mr. Womack, head of the Art Department, says that there are (as of the end of the first week of school) already over forty students taking art. He says that the normal 8th period 200/refuge has twenty people in it.

The Art Program at MBA extends beyond just students' seeking shelter from 8th period. Mr.

Womack encourages working in all media of art including acrylic painting, clay modeling, and watercolor, just to name a few.

This year, the art department is sponsoring four art shows:

- Oct.—Portraits by Ann Muller
- Oct.—Sculpture by Robert Pieterse
- Jan.—Paul Harmon
- Feb.—Louise & Alan Lequire

Mr. Womack would like to en-

courage participation in the Art Program and reminds any student that he may sign himself up for art at any time during the year.

These shows will be similar to the shows in recent years by Anne Street, Red Grooms, and other artists. All shows will be exhibited in the library.

College Reps to Visit MBA

By Greg Walker

Once again, MBA succeeds in raking in numerous college representatives from big name schools. Each year colleges, most of which are small liberal arts colleges or big universities, schedule meetings with the school to allow the students to become aware of other college choices.

MBA's exceptional academic program is what lures the great number of private and state colleges, usually about 75% private and 25% state, including three or four Ivy League schools every year. The same colleges return representatives to the Hill year after year because they can count on a room full of highly educated college-going individuals, according to Mr. Drake. Some of the best schools in the nation realize MBA's excellence and try to recruit our students for their colleges.



Boy cheerleaders strike a pose at MTSU camp; (front row) Gary Asher, Arthur Jones, Mac Hardcastle, (back row) David Wood, Gil Lackey, Mark Pollack.

...Student Voice

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including the Student Council in future policy-making discussions, saying that he wanted student opinion to play a part in the workings of the school.

With Mr. Bondurant's enthusiasm in mind, I am going to urge that this school year mark a new era at MBA for involvement by the Student Council and the Student Body. The Board is about to undertake an extensive review of the MBA curriculum and should be coming up with countless recommendations in the coming year. This situation seems perfect to begin a new tradition of including the Student Council (and thus the Student Body) in evaluating these recommendations.

I have two suggestions for creating an effectively involved Student Council and Student Body. The first is simply that policy discussions and decisions not be limited to summertime. Moving such procedures to, say, mid-spring would allow the Student Council a better chance to be involved. All the members would be readily available, fairly experienced, and able to obtain student opinion on issues, solving all the problems that have kept the Council out of the summer discussions in the past.

The second suggestion I have is a process by which the Administration can allow the students a voice in decisions at the school. If the administration and faculty are considering some significant proposal, let them approach the Student Council with the idea, providing all the necessary facts, figures, and information about the proposal. Then, let the Student Council discuss the proposal, with input from the Student Body, and compose an official student reply to be returned to the administration. Finally, let the administration consider the reply of the Student Council in its final decision as the official student opinion on the matter.

Granted, the administration will not always be able to accept the

recommendations of the Student Council in its final decision. But at least the voice of the students will have been heard. At least the decision will not have been made without the students' knowledge and without the students' opinions in mind.

The benefits of such a process would be significant. First, a more effective Student Council would emerge. The Council would gain confidence with the feeling that it truly had a say in school matters. The members of the Council would be able to develop more true leadership abilities as they would be required to be in closer contact with the students to determine the true feelings of the Student Body.

Second, a more involved, supportive, and satisfied Student Body would be created. With true input into decisions of the school, students would be more interested in Student Council affairs, since the Council would actually be reporting student opinion to the administration. Open meetings could be more productive as students who knew which policies were being discussed would attend the meetings to voice their needs and concerns. Any cynicism would be replaced by a supportive atmosphere created by true involvement in the workings of the school.

The third benefit of increasing effective participation by the Student Council would be the new perspective added to discussions of school policy. Students would present a new angle on all issues that might not have been considered in the past. From their special position as those who are directly affected by changes in policies, involved students could provide a bright new field of vision for school policymakers.

The Student Handbook describes MBA as "a community of gentlemen, scholars, and involved citizens." It seems only fair that the administration should promote this "involved citizenship" by allowing students maximum participation in the workings of the school.

AP Scores Outstanding

By Jeff Dukes and David Chickey

Last year's senior class, (the class of 1982-83) left MBA with an impressive group of AP test scores. These AP's (or Advanced Placement tests) are tests administered by the College Board in Princeton, New Jersey and allow outstanding juniors and seniors a chance to earn academic college credit in the fields of mathematics, language, science, history and English. The tests are based on a scale from one to five, where five is the highest and one, the lowest. A student scoring a three or better may gain college credit in that area of study. The amount of credit given varies from college to college. MBA students generally tend to do better in English and history but have done

well in science and mathematics in the past.

Since 1975, 406 MBA students have taken over 1032 AP examinations. Of these tests, 897 of the scores have been a 3 or better, which is a percentage of about 87%.

Last year's class (1982-83) not only bettered the national average of 70% by a wide margin but also scored higher than the 87% MBA average. Taken from the information listed below, last year's class compiled an impressive average of 89.2% of the tests with a score of 3 or better.

From these results it is easy to see how the year of 1982-83 will be considered one of the most productive years of MBA's Advanced Placement experience.

Rating the Shades

By Ran Van Riper
and Kyle Knight

Sunglasses have always been essential to the projection of a certain image. Concealed eyes effectively render the sunglass-wearer's countenance an enigma, projecting a "cool" exterior. Many people employ sunglasses as a kind of jewelry. Some even use them to shade their eyes. In any of these cases, the buyer faces two general alternatives. He may elect to peruse the plastic lenses gathering dust at the Kroger checkout counter, but a more intelligent decision for the serious buyer would be to check out the quality lenses and frames available at local opticians and specialty sunglass stores, such as the Sunglass Hut, located in Green Hills Mall across

As might be expected, sunglass designs follow popular fashion patterns. Most popular with the high-school market is the Ray Ban "Wayfarer" model at \$45, made famous in *Risky Business*. As people graduate to college tastes, they might want to move on to the \$60 horn-rimmed Vuarnet, reminiscent of the 1950's. The popular teardrop aviator goggle design developed in 1930 is the model for many contemporary shades, such as the \$40 Carrera. For those undergoing mid-life crisis who need a touch of sporty appeal and who wish to make an investment for their heirs, there are always the Porsche models, ranging from the economically priced \$116 model to the 14-karat solid gold \$3,000 pair. All these marques are available at



from Arthurs.

The factors which distinguish a good pair of shades from an inferior glasses are primarily centered on lens quality. Good lenses are optically ground from a ball of glass with the same technique used to grind prescription glasses. Inferior glasses, however, are stamped from a flat sheet of glass and contain aberrations that can harm your vision. The tinting in sunglasses is the result of the addition of cadmium or other coatings to the lensglass. Although ideal tinting depends on the individual and the intended use of the shades, amber/copper tones are the best for filtering hazy overcast encountered when driving and shooting. Polarization only eliminates glare at 90 degree angles. Mirror sunglasses are ideal for swimming, skiing, and other high-glare activities.

the Sunglass Hut, which provides free fitting and adjustment.

For those not interested in free fitting and adjustment, or, for that matter, any form of optical quality, there are always the backpages of *Rolling Stone* magazine. Popular models include the ubiquitous "new wave" wraparounds, available in rainbow tinting for \$5.99, the "Phonny" copy of Vuarnet for \$20 the Blues Brothers model for \$12, and the Lamborghini and Ferrari copies of the Carrera design. For those with a nostalgic bent, there are John Lennon silver English workman specs for \$12.95. And finally, for the connoisseur of multi-media experiences, there's Eyephones, a "stereo mosaic of vibrant colors electronically keyed to your favorite music," all for only \$29.95.

Unreal People

By Bill Crook and
Bill Bainbridge, and Theopolis

Fair Park. The name itself conjures up visions of fun, excitement, and unrestrained good times. Recreationally speaking, this amusement park paradise has been one of Nashville's "Hot Spots" for nearly 50 years. However, Fair Park's entertainment qualities lie not in the rides, games, and good food alone. Not that, it seems the area in which the park has the most to offer visitors is in the interesting type of people one can meet there. Take, for instance, a man by the name of Mr. Herbert Copeland.

We came across Mr. Copeland one Friday afternoon just as we were entering the pearly gates of this landmark. He was over to our right asleep at the controls of the ride which he has been running now for 15 years—the Fair Park Express (it's a train). Not eager to disturb the man's sleep (we were sure he'd need it once the crowds arrived later on in the evening), we nonetheless approached him and asked him if he would talk with us for a little while. Mr. Copeland exuberantly consented.

He told us first off that he had been working in the park for some 26 years, and that "each day has been a new experience." He said that when he was first hired back in '57, his boss had him start as assistant operator on one of the park's most terrifying rides, the Mad Mouse! However, Herbert said he was soon promoted to the chief controller of the Skydiver. He worked on that ride for 14 years, until 1971, when he took over the position of head engineer on Fair Park's popular train ride, a job he still holds.

We asked Herbert if he would recall for us the most memorable occurrence he had witnessed during his long tenure at this well-known recreational facility. He said that the most horrid incident

he could recall was 11 years ago when a woman had her finger cut off in the mechanical doors of the haunted mansion (of course, she received a full refund).

As for the safety of Fair Park, Mr. Copeland says there isn't much of a problem, except for "when those youngsters come in here gettin' in fights." He did say however, that in 1973 there was a riot involving about 12 people that resulted in two injured police officers.

Herbert also has views on areas outside of Fair Park, such as politics, drugs, and alcohol. His view on the Presidency is that "Reagan is A-1" but "Carter was



Unreal Places

By Glenn Dukes
and Rusty Hippe

This new column is written to point out some of Nashville's "Hot Spots." One of these spots is our personal favorite, and one that you will undoubtedly want to visit again and again. Yes, this Hotspot is, of course, the Elvis-A-Rama. The obviously uncultured person might wonder what the Elvis-A-Rama is; well, it just so happens to be the home of the "world's largest oil painting of Elvis' life."

In the Elvis-A-Rama, one may not only enjoy the breathtaking beauty of a mural of "The King" but may also enjoy the hits of Elvis' that we all know and treasure. Before one actually enters the hallowed halls, he must first pay his \$2.50 to the woman in charge

of admission. We were lucky to beat the stampeding crowd to the woman and gather some of her views toward Elvis. Mrs. Jane Alford, the ticket keeper, told us of the "thousands" of celebrities that have passed her. Stars such as Dennis Weaver, Mary Astor, Roy Acuff, and countless thousands of others have enjoyed this country music treat. Mrs. Alford sides with *The Enquirer* on the issue of Elvis' still living in South America. When asked what to tell the few people who have never been to the museum, Mrs. Alford stated that "A place that people flock to from all over the world, England, Peru, Brazil, etc., should not be missed." Please, please take Mrs. Alford's advice and visit "The World's Most Beautiful Tribute to the King."

the best, cause I never had to worry 'bout him cutting social security." His advice for young people is "Dope don't need to be in high schools," and "Don't drink cause it gets in the cars and you could run over little children."

Overall we felt Herb Copeland to be a fine, hard working man who shows a strong sense of pride in his job and great contentment with his life and whose simple values serve as a lesson for us all.

Coming Next Issue:
"Hot Bones" Barbecue - How good is it?
Hub Cap Annie - Where do they get their merchandise?

FOCUS: The Nashville Youth Network

Over the summer, a group of around 50 high school students called the Nashville Youth Network met at Hillsboro High School each week to work on projects designed to give youth in Nashville an active role in issues affecting them. The projects, designed and managed by youth in the organization, ranged from publishing a directory of youth-oriented social service agencies to amending the Metro Charter to allow two students to be voting members of the school board.

Last May, the Nashville Youth Network (then with only 20 members) held a conference at Ransom Teacher Center to stimulate youth interest in the Youth Network and in youth issues in general. At the conference, students attended workshops which discussed areas of teen concern and derived plans to solve youth problems in these areas. About 80 individuals attended the

conference and participated in the workshops, which covered six topics: teenage sexuality, alcohol and drug abuse, unemployment, discrimination, desegregation, and the juvenile justice system.

On June 2, the Nashville Youth Network (NYN) met to organize itself for the summer. Based on plans that came out of the conference, the group decided to pursue four major projects over the summer. Committees were formed for each project, and these committees immediately began meeting and discussing the best ways to carry out the projects.

One of the projects was to write and publish a directory of social service agencies that would give high school students all the information they needed to benefit from these services. The committee compiled vital information on around 60 agencies in the area, organized it into a directory format, and had it printed late this summer. The

committee now faces the task of distributing the guides to schools and other places where youth would have access to them.

Another committee was formed to create an advisory board for social service agencies that would consult with Nashville agencies about the services they offer. The rationale here was that since agencies offered services to youth, the youth should have input concerning these services. The Teen Advisory Board has received wide approval from agencies in the area and has already begun consulting with Planned Parenthood of Nashville and with Rapp House.

A third committee has been working all summer to amend the Metro Charter to include two students as voting members of the Metro School Board. To achieve this goal, the committee has taken a two-pronged approach. First, they are amassing signatures on a petition asking for two student School Board members. Ten thou-

sand signatures by Fall 1984 will put a referendum about the proposal on the ballot in November '84. If a majority of the population votes for the proposal, it will become law. So far, 1500 signatures have been acquired. The second half of the committee's plan is to lobby in the Metro Council in favor of the amendment. The Council can amend the Charter without the trouble of a popular vote, so winning the support of the Council would mean instant success for the project.

The fourth committee was different from the other three in that it was concerned with a project to raise money and support for NYN. The project was a concert which was held at Cantrell's on August 11th and 12th this summer. Six popular Nashville bands played for enthusiastic crowds both nights. NYN netted about \$650 for its efforts, and attracted press coverage and new members.

The future of NYN is exciting.

The School Board Committee will continue to work towards its goal. The Teen Advisory Board will expand to work with more agencies. More benefit concerts will be held. Also, another project has been taken on by the organization. For the next three years, NYN will work with government offices, schools, churches, and social service agencies on a project to eliminate drunk driving among adolescents. This project is just taking shape, but should be compelling, interesting, and valuable over the next three years.

Many MBA students attend meetings regularly and participate actively in NYN. In recent elections, David Chickney was elected Chairman of Public Relations for the organization and Bryan Hassel was elected one of two directors of NYN. All students and adults are welcome at all NYN meetings and functions and should contact David or Bryan with questions or comments.

Class News

RAP

Seniors

As another school year begins, so begins the tedious tale of the class of 1984, and without further introduction, let the farce begin... John "Daddy" Carter assigned to handle Vine Street Kindergarten relations... Reservations being taken for Jim Dandy service, for reference call Arthur "Hey, its my turn" Jones... New fashion trend, Frank's Boxers... Seniors lose mucho dinero after taking O'Neal's tip... Clove crop booms in West Nashville.

Match Quotes

1. "Mexican is my life"
 2. "But, but seriously, seriously"
 3. "Hey bartender"
 4. "Football game: I was there, but who won?"
 5. "I'm freakin' serious!"
 6. "I've gotta hit these gentle shindigs more often!"
 7. "I'm not Buddy Holly"
- A. Dutchan
B. Keb'm
C. Candy Girl
D. Coos
E. Mr. Heck Yes
F. Jimmy O

G. Trunk rider

Yours in command of every aspect of the English language.
Choirmaster
Golden Bear
Super Slav

Sophomores

By Chris Sanders
and Hudson Walker

Over the summer, rising sophomores sent Robbie McNair, Chip Fridrich, and Talbot "Doobie Master" Masten, and Dave Malone to the Babe Ruth World Series, where they rallied to a 2nd place finish in the nation. Beginning a new school year... Jeff Dale celebrates the win over Springfield by tire-throwing which is not appreciated by certain elders... BLADE WILL ROCK WITH THE PIGGYS. Two sophomores start on the varsity football team, Jay Owen and Robbie Bueno... This and sending 4 people to the Babe Ruth World Series, we definitely have a superior athletic class... Will we survive the black circle of ignorance that seems to be encompassing us... PLUS.

Cheerleaders Rock MTSU Summer Camp

By David Wood

On July 25, at approximately 10:00 a.m., twelve members of the dynamic Montgomery Bell Academy cheerleading squad arrived at MBA to begin a four day experience of training long to be remembered. With the driving force of Rick "Risky Business Is My Life" Carter and Dr. Thomas, the cheerleaders, after recovering from previous activities of preparation the night before, piled into the MBA van, and gracefully rode to this place they call M.T.S.U. At approximately 12:00 p.m., the Big Red Spirit Sparkers arrived at their destination to register and set up for this soon-to-be MBA tradition.

Once adjusted to the life of the Universal Cheerleading Association Summer Camp, the cheerleaders began to develop skills in cheer routines, pyramids, partner stunts, decyphering hillbilly accents, and avoiding (to our sur-

prise) the over abundance of foul-featured females from the backwoods of Tennessee.

Since the cheerleaders had to commute every night back to Nashville, it wasn't until 11:00 p.m. that the familiar MBA van returned to the Hill. After a maximum of three and a half hours of sleep that night, the cheerleaders, downing No-Doze, coffee, and Michael Jackson, were refreshed for a new day's venture at "Big Blue U."

Several highlights of the week included a girl from Ooltewah County High School claiming Mark Pollack as her first Jewish acquaintance, a one time appearance by Mac "Richard Simmons" Hardcastle, and Arthur "Michael Jackson" Jones and Co. doing a never heard of number they called... "Beat It," and thanks to the never ending favors of Gwen (the Vandy blonde cheerleader) Griffen, we all got blue... ribbons!

By the last day, the MBA cheerleading squad had compiled an extremely impressive record in all of the evaluations. With 4 blue ribbons, 2 red ribbons, and an improvement award, the cheerleaders left with high anticipation of the upcoming athletic season. With "SUPER GREAT," "FACE SLAM," and "HAVE A SEAT," the cheerleaders proudly displayed their hard-earned spirit sticks. After everyone returned to the Hill the cheerleaders were bored stiff with the rest of the summer. This year's Red Rabblerousers include: Kelley Sanders, Sheila Morris, Ashley Dale, Amanda Oldham, Tish Tully, Bunny Stein, and Susie Simmons. Men include Mark "Coose Coose" Pollack, Gary "Squat" Asher, Gil "Straight Leg" Lackey, John "Hair Spray" Enkema, Mac "Dick Simmons" Hardcastle, Arthur "Beat It" Jones, and David "I'll Rip Your Skirt Off" Wood.

P.O.W. - A Big Party!

By Matt Drury, Mike Fabian,
and Chris Guzikowski

On the eve of Matt Drury's B. Day, July 23, some of you might have seen a copy of the world renowned Nashville Banner. On the front page was an article and picture of the trend-setting event of the 80's. Of course this refers to P.O.W., Pool on Wheels.

This carnival of sorts involved a few select MBA students numbering three: Bryan Hassel, Chris Guzikowski, and Mike Fabian. The idea was the brainchild of Hillsboro grad Steve "Bud" Rosenberg. The operation involved lining the bed of Bud's '69 pickup with plastic tarp, and filling with

water. That's right, regular hose water.

After motoring through West Nashville, the crew distributed verbal abuse and like Webb Pierce, sold cannisters of the precious ingredient. At that time, the anxious throng was treated to a high-diving exhibition by Hillsboro daredevil, Steve Landers, after which, the crew relaxed with a refreshing bubble bath.

The event had wide-spread effects. The article was picked up by the AP wire and was published in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and S.

Carolina. Also, the article was published in *USA Today*, which reaches all states in the union.

On a recent voyage, the pick-up strayed dangerously close to Soviet territory, and was fired upon by fighter planes. For this reason, the plans for cold weather Hockey on Wheels were nixed. But plans for next summer include beach parties, P.O.W. caravans, and Drive-in Movies. "It rivals the invention of the wheel," commented Guzikowski, "the potential is phenomenal." Fabian added: "Yeah, I feel the same way." So next summer: P.O.W.; look for it in your neighborhood.



White Animals rock Cat's on Labor Day

Outing Club

By John Tate

With an amazing demand for membership on the first day of school, the Outing Club hopes that this interest will be indicative of the success of the club this year. The Outing Club hopes to kick-off the '83 campaign with an exciting white-water raft trip down the Ocoee River, on September 24th. This trip could, however, be jeopardized by the TVA, which now controls and restricts water flow on the river. If the group doesn't go this fall, the trip will be rescheduled for Spring.

Tentative plans for the fall include backpacking trips along the AT the first weekend in October and sometime in November. Some caving will be on tap for December. Even further plans include a bicycle trip and a canoe trip on the Hiwassee River, with a possible ski trip in January if there is enough interest.

If you are interested in joining the Outing Club, you should know that no experience is necessary to join, but you must be in the upper school to be a member. The dues to join are \$5.00 until the end of September when they go up to \$8.00. To join up, see Mr. Womack in the Art Complex.

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Varsity Golf Strong

By Marvin Morris

As some of the more observant students have noticed, this year's TSSAA golf season has been moved to the fall and therefore the 1983 autumn edition of the famed MBA golf team has been diligently practicing since early August. No one on the team can find a good reason for the change and its negative effects have been seen on the MBA squad already. The major problem experienced by the MBA linksters early this season is the dreaded disease called "golf burn out". This horrifying affliction has struck just about every member of the MBA team because of the amount of play this summer. In two cases of 8th grade students it has rendered the poor youngsters, John Teas and

Michael Shears, completely unconscious while on the golf course. Both of these adolescents have consistently played out of their minds this year. In a certain senior's case this deplorable morbidity has caused a case of extreme verbal diarrhea. This appalling disease even led to Coach Fairbairn's hallucinations. He thought he was smelling "Ben-Gay" while driving on golf trips.

In all cases the golf team this year has suffered from lack of concentration, lack of maturity, and lack of unity. However the two "preseason" losses to Chattanooga Notre Dame have possibly shown the team that it's not invincible. The team has steadily improved from match to match and has run its regular season record to 5-0. Marvin Morris and Carter Brothers shared medalist honors at 77 in the first match of the year in which MBA soundly defeated both Camden and Dickson Co. The next dreaded opponent was mid-state

golf power NCS, and the MBA squad promptly defeated them by 30 strokes. Low scores for MBA were Pat Parker's 37 and Mike Shears' 39. The MBA linksters then journeyed to Nashville Golf and Athletic Club to take on cross-town rival FRA. Marvin Morris led the team with a 2-over par 74 while Mike Shears once again played well and finished at 78.

The team now seemed psyched up for the Dickson County Cougar Classic. As expected, MBA took first place out of 16 teams in the monsoon-shortened tournament. French McKnight led the team with a brilliant 4-birdie round of 36 while Morris' 38 and 40's by Parker and Shears rounded out the winners total of 154. McKnight's even-par round tied him for 2nd individually.

If this year's team is able to get and battle back from its problems before the state tournament rolls around, it should once again be the favorite to take the title.



Quarterback Jeff Gaw looks over the line.

Theater

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Lace, The Night of January 16th, and Ten Little Indians, have been popular in the past. This spring's play is still unknown.

Also providing another full year of high school theatre is St. Cecilia. Unfortunately, many MBA thespians often overlook their shows, but director Paul Klapper stages some fine productions at St. Cecilia. They, too, are doing a non-musical and a musical this year. Word has it that Rodgers and Hammerstein's ever-popular *Sound of Music* will be the winter musical.

And of course, MBA provides more theatre opportunities with its annual play. Although Mr. Poston hasn't decided which play MBA will stage, he is thinking of *Godspell* as a possibility, the "Jesus-Rock" musical which combined rock music together with a religious inspiration to attract youth of the seventies.

Harpeth Hall kicked off this exciting season by presenting *Music Man* September 8-11, its second annual, community theatre musical. MBA regulars appearing in *Music Man* were Michael Starr, Don Fish, Dale Clark, Chris Ptomey, Bob Ikard, and faculty member Don Fisher. Harpeth Hall's production of *Music Man*, produced by Ray Berry and directed by Joe Giles, seems to have provided an enjoyable evening of entertainment for those who saw it.

That's all for now; in the meantime, do yourself a favor and audition for those shows!

...Board

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tions. It is for this reason that a college admissions review board also has been organized. The chairman of this board is Dr. Robinson from Vanderbilt University. He, Mr. Drake, Mr. Davis, and others will visit some of the less-attended colleges in an attempt to make them more familiar with MBA. By becoming known to some of the northern schools, MBA's students may be more widely accepted.

Both of these review projects are efforts by the MBA board and administration to insure the best possible educational future for the students.



Buddy Knight (No. 42) lunges for yardage in varsity football action.

Varsity Scoreboard

Varsity Football

Games Played

MBA 17, Springfield 0
Overton 36, MBA 0
MBA 23, Beech 14

Games Remaining

Sept. 23 Hillwood
Sept. 30 Smyrna
Oct. 7 at Pearl
Oct. 14 Antioch (H)
Oct. 21 Hillsboro
Oct. 28 at Glenciff
Nov. 4 at Ryan

(H) denotes Homecoming

Statistics (through 2 games)

Throws: 25
Rushes: 48
TDs: 2
Tackles: 91
Blocked FGs: 2
Offensive Fumbles: 1-1
Defensive Fumbles: 2-5

Completed: 11
Yards: 141
FGs: 1

Varsity Golf

Matches Played (4-0 thus far)

Sept. 6 Nashville Christian W (7-0)
Sept. 8 FRA W (5-2)
Sept. 12 Cougar Classic Invit. 1st Place
Sept. 13 Pearl-Cohn w (6½-½)
Sept. 14 Overton W (7-0)

Remaining Matches

Sept. 27 (Tues) Hendersonville
Sept. 28 (Wed) Hillsboro
Sept. 30 (Fri) Ryan
Oct. 4 (Tues) Glenciff
Oct. 5 (Wed) Hillwood
Oct. 6 (Thur) Brentwood High
Oct. 12 (Wed) District
Oct. 18 (Tues) Regional
Oct. 26-7 (Wed-Thur) State

Individual Averages (9-hole)

Marvin Morris 38.2
Pat Parker 38.4
John Teas 38.4
French McKnight 38.8
Michael Shears 40.2

Varsity Cross-Country

Meets So Far

Sept. 13 MBA 20, Ryan 41, NCS 89, USN 110

Remaining Meets

Sept. 24 A.F. Bridges Invitational Steeplechase
Sept. 27 Franklin, F.R.A. SEC Course
Sept. 29 Clarksville N.W. Clarksville
Oct. 4 Hillsboro SEC Course
Oct. 6 Dickson Co. Dickson Co.
Oct. 11 Antioch SEC Course
Oct. 15 David Lipscomb Invit. SEC Course
Oct. 20 N.I.L. Championship Steeplechase
Oct. 29 Region Steeplechase
Nov. 5 State Steeplechase



Will Nowell (No. 14) tears through defenders.

Varsity Football 2-1

The varsity football team has started the season with a 2-1 record. The team first arrived on campus August 5, facing 100 degree weather and compelled by last season's dismal record. The team responded with resounding victories in the first two scrimmage games against Lipscomb and DuPont, respectively. After a defeat at the hands of powerful Brentwood Academy, the Big Red proceeded to beat Dickson County in the annual jamboree at Dudley Field. After this encounter, the regular season started on September 2 against long-time foe Springfield.

The Big Red drove down the field on their third possession. Towering above their unfortunate defensive counterparts, the awesomely huge offensive line of Moore (John), Bueno, Lentz, Hayes, Moore (Jim), and Drury punched a hole in the defense that allowed quarterback Jeff Gaw to plunge over the goal line. Two possessions later, Gaw, in a mad scramble for his life, found wingback Harry Peffen behind the defense and connected for a 66-yard touchdown pass. David Muddiman booted a field goal to finish the scoring at 17-0. On defense, Peffen, Drury, Tirrill and Robert Black all played outstanding games.

In the next week's game, the Big Red wound up on the losing end of a 36-0 score to Overton. Overton's defense contained the Red offense, and Overton's offensive speed proved to be too much for the Red defenders.

Against Beech on September 16,

the Big Red rolled over Beech High School in Hendersonville, 23-14. Matt Drury scored the first TD on a 4-yard pass set up by a long pass to John Morrissey of about 30 yards. David Muddiman kicked a field goal, and MBA led 10-0 at half. Gaw scored on a quarterback sneak to make it 17-0 in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Beech scored twice on a blocked punt and an interception, but with good running by Will Nowell and Steve Rollins, MBA drove down the field to score the clinching touchdown.

Offensively, the game was highlighted by a 32-yard run by Steve Rollins and three TD's by the Big Red. Defensively, Michell Pirrie and Jeff Gaw had an interception each. The defense blocked one punt and forced another bad punt to have a much better game than against Overton.

Gaining momentum from this win, the Big Red plans to have an outstanding season this year.

Cross Country Confident

By Walter Smithwick
and Scott Gafrinkel

The MBA Varsity Cross Country team is looking hopefully towards another year, trying to win the NIL and Regional Championships once again. Head Coach Mr. Pruitt feels that if everyone stays healthy and some of the seniors perform up to their potential, the team has a chance to do well and repeat past excellence.

Returning from last year's top-seven are such seniors as David Wood, honorable mention for All-NIL, Elliot Sloan, second team All-NIL, and Russel Coleman. These members were second team on the All-11-AAA District squad. Other seniors who could be helpful to this

year's team are Ran Van Riper, Bill Treanor, and Kyle Knight. The team might also get help from juniors Rob Alley, Pat Rau, Walter Smithwick, Scott Garfinkel, and John Robbins. One sophomore, Pat Bowers, and three freshmen, Jonathan Cole, Andy Davis and Jimmy Zibas, will also add strength to the Big Red.

Continuing a streak of forty-five consecutive dual meet victories, MBA succeeded in defeating Father Ryan, Nashville Christian School, and University School in the opening dual meets. David Wood took top honors, with the winning time of 16:47. Other high honors for MBA runners in a somewhat slow opening meet were

Walter Smithwick, 2nd place; Elliot Sloan, 4th place; and Rob Alley, 6th place.

The Cross Country team is looking forward to some tough competition in the near future. Challenging invitationals include Antioch's Invitational and the A.F. Bridges Classic. Some crucial dual meets will be against always-strong Clarksville Northwest and yearly rival Dickson County. Also on tap for the fall are the Old Hickory Run and the highlight of the season: the annual Breakfast Run.

Overall, it seems like another year for MBA to dominate the NIL in Cross Country.

J.V. Football Talented

By Robin Henderson,
Harry Peffen, and Rob Harwell

Led by the astute coaching of Regen, Morel and the newcomer of the trio, Coach Eliot, the J.V. is well on its way to keeping up the pace set by last year's incredible J.V. squad. In practice the J.V. has shown its desire and ability to have a very successful season.

The offense is led by Dave Malone, Takis Patikas, and Mike Blade. The running is done by Paul Soper at tailback and the pure power of Talbot Masten, the big-play man, at fullback. Paul Bond, Dawson Thombs, and Nick

Sieeking are the receivers for the young crop of quarterbacks. On the line are Tim "Cellulose" Brothers, Jim Hunt, Chuck Brandon, the powerful Brad Mangrum, and Robert Reed.

Spearheading the defense are Rob Harwell at tackle and John Jenkins at one of the ends. Hudson Walker and Jim Hunt are the linebackers, Jeff Dale is the rover, and containing the runners of the opponents at the corners are Brad Fuson and Kenny Russell. This awesome array of talent hit the field for the first time Thursday, September 15, against rival Overton.

Sports Shorts...

Freshman Football

By Robby Bueno

The freshman football team opened its season on September 15 against Hillsboro. The frosh hope to improve last year's record of 3-4. Coach Williams believes this team will be competitive in a tough freshman league. Although the team has won scrimmages against Lipscomb and against DuPont Jr. High, Coach Williams feels the team really hasn't been tested. On offense, the strong point is the backfield where at least two people are capable of starting at almost every position. Tommy Frist and Jay Stroman are at QB, Will Meyer and Johnny Thompson are at TB; Clay Trabue is at FB; and Steven Hooper, Chris Burch, and Randy Pelaez alternate at WB. Peter Paris displays great potential at receiver. There is enough depth on the line so that no lineman as yet will have to start both ways.

Meyer, whom Coach Williams calls an "intimidator," leads the defense at LB. Skip Burke is the other LB. The secondary has yet to be challenged. Hooper handles all the kicking duties. With many talented players and a good team

attitude, the freshmen hope to have a very successful season.

FCA

By Alan Jackson
and Mark Finks

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is an organization designed to promote fellowship among athletes who recognize the importance of Christ outside of just their own church. The purpose of the FCA is to present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church. With the departure of Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Elliott has assumed the role of sole FCA advisor and has instilled an atmosphere of optimism for the upcoming year.

To assist Mr. Elliott, the new officers for this year are: Jeff Gaw - President; Mark Finks - Vice President; Alan Jackson - Secretary; and Brent Graham - Treasurer. The officers are enthusiastic about the upcoming year and would like to encourage anyone who may be interested in joining the FCA to at-

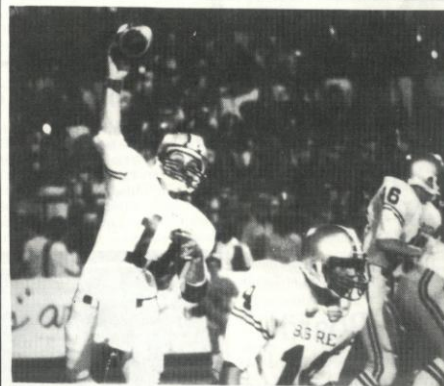
tend a meeting or contact one of the members.

Microbe Cross Country

by John Downer

Under the direction of two physically imposing and mentally demanding men, Mr. Novak and Dr. Ward, the 1983 Microbe Cross Country team looks like it will have a very successful season. Steve Zibas and David Hollyday, two excellent runners, return, and along with other improving seventh and eighth graders, the team will have much depth and leadership.

The Microbes opened their season on Thursday, September 15th at home against Brentwood Academy, Ensworth, and NCS. On Thursday, September 22, the team travels to Brentwood Academy to face Brentwood and BGA. The Microbes face BGA and Ensworth at home on September 29. On October 6, FRA and BGA come to MBA to face the Little Red. The Microbes final dual meet of the season is at Northside against rival Northside and FRA. The Championship Run is on Thursday, October 20.



Jeff Gaw releases in the game against Overton.

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